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SUBJ: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE: INGRID KINZA/JAMES GOWDY

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1. ON JULY 29, MR. GOWDY AND MS. KINZA VISITED THE EMBASSY TO DESCRIBE HIS EXPERIENCES IN "AUFNAHMEHEIM" (RECEPTION CENTER) MOLKENBERG NEAR FURSTENWALDE EAST OF BERLIN.

2. GOWDY SAYS HE WAS IN MOLKENBERG FROM JUNE 1 TO JULY 21, 1976. HIS FIRST NIGHT WAS SPENT IN A SMALL BUNGALOW OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND. THE NEXT DAY, UPON FORMAL ENTRY, HE WAS FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED. HE WAS TOLD THAT HE WOULD BE THERE FROM 4 TO 8 WEEKS, BUT ACTUALLY MOST PEOPLE ARE THERE BETWEEN 5 AND 7 WEEKS. (GOWDY ADDED THAT MR. HARALD SCHRICKEL, GDR CONSUL IN WASHINGTON, HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD ONLY BE IN AN "AUFNAHMEHEIM" FOR A VERY SHORT TIME. GOWDY NOTED THAT SCHRICKEL, WHO HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE IS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH TRADE MATTERS AND ONLY SPENDS A MINIMUM OF TIME ON "CONSULAR MATTERS" SEEMED UNINFORMED ABOUT THESE PROCEDURES. WAS THERE NOT SOME WAY THE EMBASSY COULD SEE TO IT THAT SCHRICKEL WAS BETTER INFORMED TO ENSURE

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THAT HE GAVE OTHER U.S. ENQUIRERS THE CORRECT INFORMATION?

EMBOFF (WOLF) SUGGESTED THE GDR GOVERNMENT WAS BETTER QUALIFIED TO INSTRUCT SCHRICKEL IN HIS DUTIES THAN THE USG.) HE WAS THERE FOR 7 WEEKS BECAUSE HE HAD AN ATTACK OF GERMAN MEASLES DURING THE SECOND WEEK.

3. GOWEDY SAID THERE WERE USUALLY 10 TO 15 PEOPLE THERE AT ANY ONE TIME. DURING HIS SOJOURN, THESE INCLUDED AFRICANS, EGYPTIANS, JAPANESE, BRITONS, AND WEST GERMANS. THE "INMATES" COULD NOT LEAVE BEFORE THE RECEPTION PROCESS WAS COMPLETED AND COULD RECEIVE NO VISITORS OR TELEPHONE CALLS. THEY COULD, HOWEVER, RECEIVE LETTERS AND PACKAGES. MOST WERE ENGAGED TO GDR CITIZENS. THEY WERE PAID 2 MARKS PER DAY WHICH COULD BE EITHER SAVED OR SPENT FOR SUNDRIES. IF THEY HAD NO "HOME" IN THE GDR, I.E. WERE NOT ENGAGED TO A GDR CITIZEN, THEY STAYED AT MOLKENBERG A MINIMUM OF 90 DAYS.

4. THE STAY REVOLVED AROUND PREPARATION OF A SO-CALLED "PROTOCOL" - A NARRATIVE PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT DRAFTED BY THE GDR INTERVIEWER, BASED ON A LONG FORM COMPLETED BY THE "INMATE" AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS. GOWDY SAID HE DID NOT HAVE TO FILL IN THE FORM AS HE HAD ALREADY COMPLETED SIMILAR FORMS DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH SCHRICKEL. ASIDE FROM THE USUAL QUESTIONS TO BE EXPECTED IN A VISA APPLICATION, HE WAS ASKED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HIS FRIENDS, RELATIVES, WORK AND ATTITUDES. THE STATEMENT, IN GERMAN, WAS READ TO HIM IN TRANSLATION WHERE HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND IT IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE. THE "PROTOCOL" WAS SIGNED BY HIM AND THEN SENT TO "BERLIN" FOR REVIEW.

5. GOWDY HAS BEEN ISSUED A RESIDENCE PERMIT (NO. 167960), ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S POLICE (VPKA), KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN, VALID THROUGH JULY 21, 1977. BOTH HIS CITIZENSHIP (STAATSANGEHOREIGKEIT) AND NATIONALITY (NATIONALITAET) ARE INDICATED THEREIN AS "USA". HIS PASSPORT IS AT "HOME" - MS. KINZA'S RESIDENCE AT EICHWALDE (NEAR BERLIN), PUSCHKINALLE 1 - AND DOES NOT NOW BEAR A VALID GDR EXIT PERMIT. HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT HE CAN OBTAIN ONE FROM VPKA KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN "USUALLY IN ABOUT ONE OR TWO WEEKS".

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6. GOWDY'S CASE IS BEING HANDLED BY THE INTERIOR SECTION OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN, WITH WHOM HE IS PURSUING HIS APPLICATION TO MARRY MS. KINZA (ESTIMATED TO TAKE A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS) AND HIS REQUEST FOR A HOME WHERE HE AND MS. KINZA CAN TAKE UP HOUSE KEEPING. HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT HE WILL WORK IN FORESTRY - HIS FIELD OF STUDY - BUT WHEN AND WHERE IS NOT CLEAR. GOWDY PROMISED

TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY.

7 . COMMENT: EMBOFF ADVISED GOWDY THAT EMBASSY STANDS  
READY TO GIVE HIM AND HIS FIANCEE ALL APPROPRIATE  
ASSISTANCE. BECAUSE OF BACKGROUND IN REFTELS, WE PLAN  
TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION PARTICULARLY CAREFULLY. COOPER

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